

August 24, 2016 640pm

Town Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Chairman, Stephen McDonough, Aldo Ursino, David Goodberg, Bill Previdi, Therese DiBlasi, James Sarno, , Cynthia Hemenway Steve Sylvester & Jack Bracciotti

Absent members:,, Maura Campbell

Motion was Held: The OSR committee recommends a 39 dollar increase towards the hourly ice rates, based on the Town Accountants recommendation to repay a 750,000 dollar Bond in 20 years. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Arena discussions included extra increase should be marked in the general fund as an ear mark towards the capital improvement for the ice Arena. The article should be brought to the next town meeting. Sponsorship can also be a part of revenue for this improvement cost Aldo Ursino will research the by laws for such possibilities. Hiring an Engineer will be the first step getting a study estimate and then the bid for the work to be done. It will be very important to know the debt exclusions and have a balance sheet during all this.

Emergency The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM Submitted by: Aldo Ursino

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 10, 2016 6:35 pm Town Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Chairman, Stephen McDonough, Aldo Ursino,

Bill Previdi, Therese DiBlasi, James Sarno, Maura Campbell, Cynthia Hemenway Steve Sylvester & Jack Bracciotti

Absent members:,, David Goodberg

Guests: Patricia Walsh, Chairwomen of the Finance & Advisory Board & Stephen Dapkiwicz, of the Finance & Advisory Board Absent Guests: Steve Angelo, Recreation Director; Louis M. Chiulli,

A Motion was held: The OSR is aware of 1.5 M in Capital Improvements to the Arena. In order to avoid tax payer funding this improvement we recommend Hourly Ice Time rates be raised a minimum of 32 dollars an hour. In addition consider an additional amount to the hourly rate in order to establish a capital fund for the arena. We further recommend establishing an Enterprise Fund for the arena. Motion Passed

Unanimously.

- 1. RE: Ice Skating Arena –A Solution to the Arena's badly needed repairs such as a needed ice floor system; raising the ice time rates is a must; in which it could repay 1.5 bond issued for 30 years. Raising rates for ice time in increments each year that can pay for the floor may be a solution. And in doing so we still may be cheaper than many Ice Arena Ice Time rentals in the area.
- **2. RE:** Play Grounds/ Field Permits & Recreation- Steve Angelo Rec. Dir was unable to make it to the meeting, and wish him well, and await his return. Regarding Pomeworth field S.Sylvester stated that he would like to see an old JV field section of Pomeworth that is not being used be turned into a AAU field for the youth baseball league.
- **3. RE**: Golf Courses Bill Previdi informed the committee that the Sterling Golf management is doing very well and bringing in revenue for the town. Sterling is in the process of Changing sprinkler heads. 40 heads have been replaced so far could be another 150 heads to go. Outside fuel tank for the Golf Course details are still being determined for the most suitable size and cost.
- **4. RE:** Community Compact- The town is waiting on the completion of the project and submission to Division of Local Services of an OSR report and results. Outline of the project is now being looked at by the town and will start the project soon.
- **5. RE:** Dog Park- Maura Campbell informed the committee the town would have to approve a spot for the dog park, as of the moment a section of Pomeworth Park has promise and prospects are looking good for the town to have a Dog Park, with some more studies on the parks.